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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 579

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO, CA

SUBJ: CANADIAN REACTION TO MIT

REF: BONN 3510

1. WE ARE PUZZLED BY REFTTEL, WHICH WE HAVE OF COURSE NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED WITH CANADIANS. EMBOFFS ARE IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH MORGAN, DEPUTY TO GEORGE GRANDE IN EXTAFF DEFENCE RELATIONS DIV., WHO BACKSTOPPING MIT WHILE GRANDE IS CANDEL CHIEF IN VIENNA. MORGAN HAS MENTIONED GRANDE' S FEELING THAT THE NAC HAD ON OCCASION ASSUMED FUNCTIONS WHICH WOULD MORE APPROPRIATELY HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY ADHOC GROUP, BUT GAVE NO HINT OF ACRIMONY OR SUGGESTION THAT MBFR IS "DISPUTATIOUS" WITHIN GOC.

2. MORGAN HAS VOICED SOME CONCERN THAT ALLIANCE MAY BE INSUFFICIENTLY PREPARED DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE MBFR ISSUES. GOC WOULD PROBABLY HAVE PREFERRED A MORE SUBSTANTIVE APPROACH TO MIT, BUT HAS BEEN GENERALLY AGREEABLE TO FOLLOW US LEAD. GOC WOULD HOPE US SUBSTANTIVE PAPER COULD BE PRESENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO GIVE AMPLE TIME FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION BEFORE DPC MINISTERIAL.

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3. WE GATHER CANADIAN DELS AT NATO AND MIT HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN SUPPORT US POSITION ON HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION, AND BELIEVE GOR INTENDS SO TO CONTINUE. IN LONG RUN, MORGAN THINKS CANADIAN PUBLIC OPINION WOULD NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT BREAKDOWN OF TALKS ON QUESTION OF STATUS OF HUNGARY. MBFR HAS HAD LITTLE IMPACT IN CANADA. MIT HAS HAD PRACTICALLY NO PRESS COVERAGE OTHER THAN MONTREAL DAILY LE DEVOIR WHICH CARRIES AFP. GOC UNDER NO PRESSURE TAKE MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN MBFR, AND CANADIAN EMBASSY BONN HAS PROBABLY EXAGGERATED GOC CONCERNS.  
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